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WITH ASEAN WERE SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS AND WERE APPARENTLY FURTHER DISTORTED IN SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS, WE BELIEVE ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION THAT US IS SEEKING TO ATTEND ASEAN SUMMIT OR POST SUMMIT MEETINGS MAY HAVE RESULTED. ONLY US CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN BEING CONTEMPLATED ARE ECONOMIC TALKS LATER THIS YEAR AND THESE ARE NOT CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH FORTHCOMING ASEAN SUMMIT. MOREOVER US

IS NOT SEEKING INVITATION TO KUALA LUMPUR MEETING OR ANY OF THE POST SUMMIT GATHERINGS.

2. SINCE INACCURATE REPORTS OF OUR POSITION HAVE APPARENTLY RECEIVED FAIRLY WIDE CURRENCY, WE THINK BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR SHOULD SEEK APPROPRIATE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING. AT SAME TIME POSTS SHOULD NOTE THAT US HAS WARM REGARD FOR ASEAN AND ASEAN

COUNTRIES AND HAS NOTHING BUT BEST WISHES FOR ASEAN SUMMIT.

- 3. OTHER ADDRESSEES SHOULD MAKE SIMILAR POINTS IF THEY BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE.
- 4. EMBASSY BANGKOK SHOULD INFORM OAKLEY UPON HIS ARRIVAL. CHRISTOPHER

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